

# Principles of the Constitution

**Entrance task:** Pick up a Constitutional Principles packet from the stand before you sit down.

**Today:** Principles of the Constitution

**Homework:** NONE!

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## Principles of the US Constitution

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1. Popular sovereignty
2. Separation of Powers
3. Checks and Balances

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## Principles of the US Constitution

### 1. Popular sovereignty

- a. Stated in the Preamble "We the People . . . do ordain and establish this Constitution"
- b. Power comes from the People
- c. "Social Contract"

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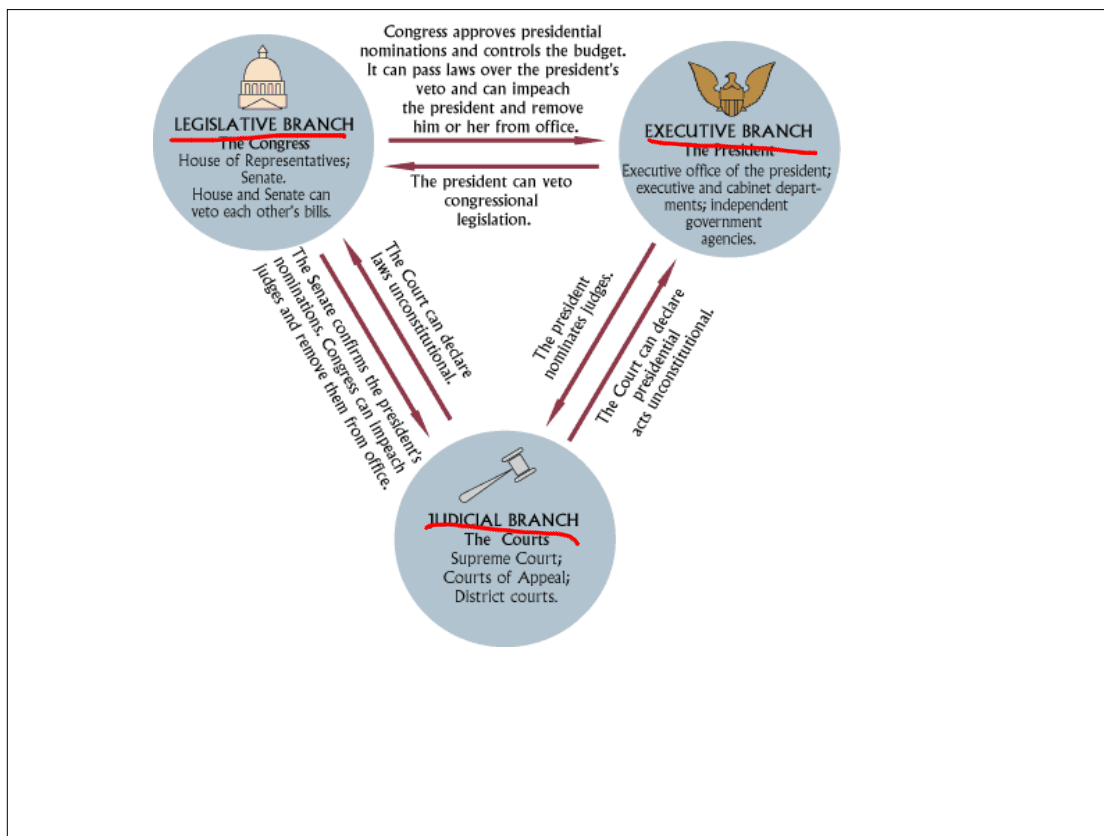
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### 2. Separation of Powers

- a. Three branches – Montesquieu
- b. Restricted power of a central government so it separated
- c. Diagram this idea:

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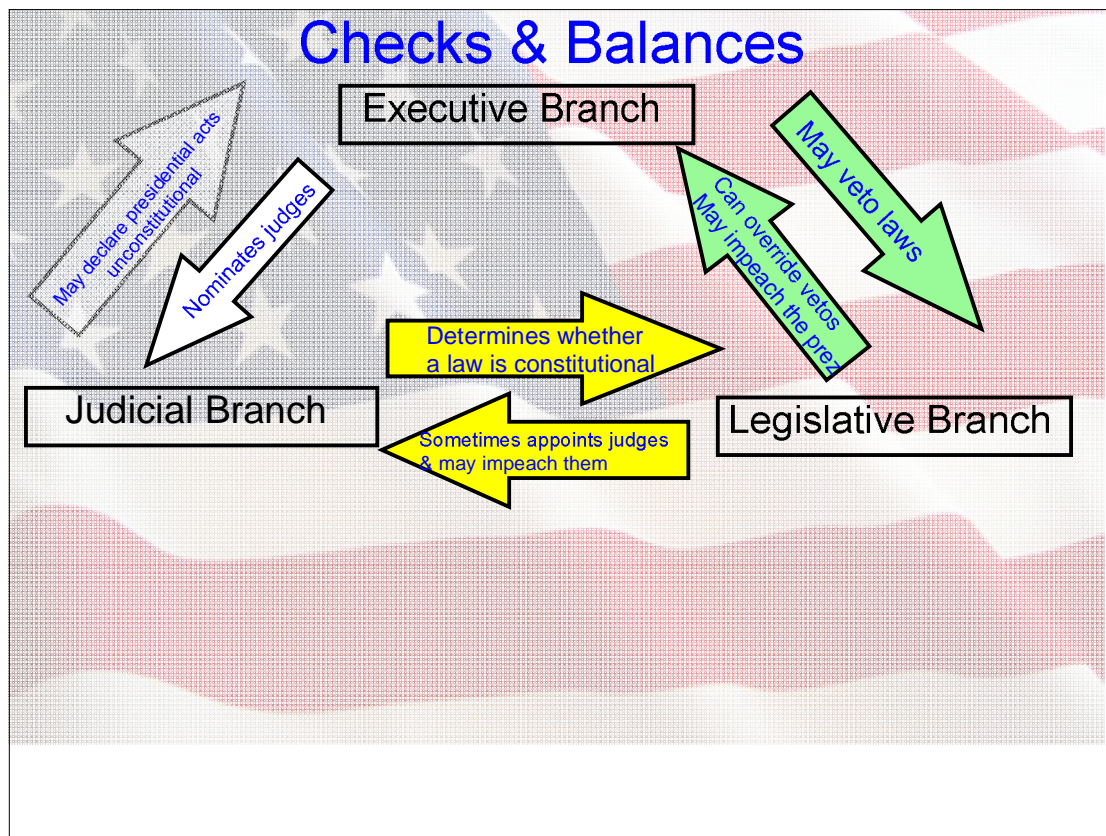
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### 3. Checks and Balances

Each branch had "power" to restrict another

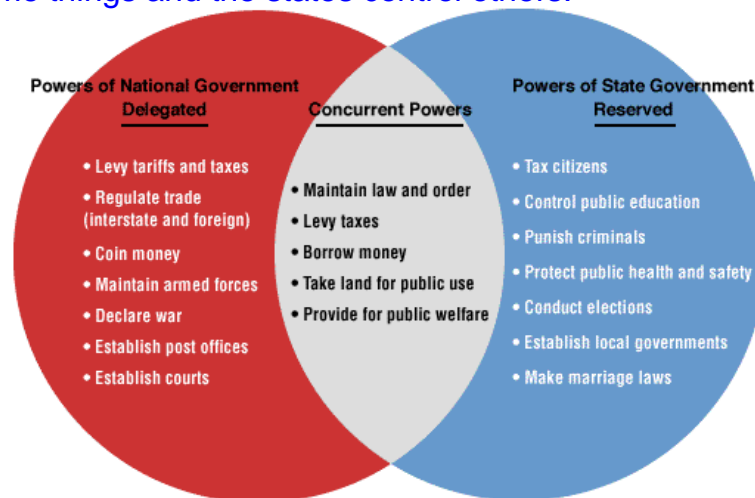
- \* The President can veto laws but Congress can override the veto with a 2/3 vote.
- \* The President and Congress may agree on a law but the Supreme Court can declare a law unconstitutional.
- \* The President can appoint Judges and other government officials but Senate must approve them.
- \* Supreme Court judges have life terms but they can be impeached.

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#### 4. **FEDERALISM** - division of power where federal government controls some things and the states control others.



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Delegated powers: Powers given to the federal government  
- declare war, coin money, post office, etc.

Reserved powers: Powers kept by the states  
- regulate schools, Punish criminals, etc.

Concurrent Powers: Shared between the fed. and state  
- taxes, courts (fed and state), maintain order

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**Implied powers:** powers that were not specifically written in the Constitution but were assumed. Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 - "*necessary and proper*" clause, also known as the *elastic clause*

Examples: US Postal Service, regulate telecommunications, build federal highways

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### 5. Supremacy of National Law

- In case of conflicting laws/actions between state and federal levels, the federal govt. and Constitution are supreme.

i.e. Arizona immigration laws  
California marijuana laws

1. WA - Attorney General will not challenge state marijuana laws 2:22
2. High Court refuses to challenge CA marijuana law 2:30

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### 6. Limitations of the Power of Government

- a. Reserved powers
- b. Checks and balances
- c. **Bill of Rights**
- d. Elections



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**Amendment I**      ***Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly, and Petition***

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof (refers to *freedom of worship*); or abridging (reducing) the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress (correction) of grievances.

**Amendment II**      ***Right to Bear Arms***

A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed (weakened).



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**Amendment III**      ***Quartering of Troops***

No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered (assigned to live) in any house without the consent of the owner; nor in time of war; but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

**Amendment IV**      ***Searches and Seizures***

The right of the people to be secure (safe) in their persons, houses, papers, and effects (belongings) against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated; and no (search) warrants shall issue but upon probable cause (means a *reasonable ground of suspicion*) supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.



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**Amendment V    *Rights of the Accused; Property Rights***

No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury (refers to *serious offenses punishable by death or by imprisonment*. Before someone may be tried for such a crime, a grand jury must decide that sufficient evidence exists to bring that person to trial), **except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb;** (a person may not be tried twice for the same offense – double jeopardy) **nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law** (means proper legal procedure); nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation (the government has the power of eminent domain, or the right to take private property for public use. This provision requires the government to pay the owner a fair price for such property).



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**Amendment VI    *Other Rights of the Accused***

In all criminal prosecutions (trials), the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial (fair) jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor (*the accused person has the right to request the court to issue an order or subpoena, compelling a witness to appear in court*) and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

**Amendment VII    *Civil Suits***

In suits at common law (common law based on custom and precedent (past decisions made in similar cases; It was brought to the English colonies by the early settlers and became the foundation of the American legal system) where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

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**Amendment VIII** ***Bails, Fines, and Punishments***

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. ★

**Amendment IX** ***Rights Not Listed***

The enumeration (listing) in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed (interpreted) to deny or disparage (weaken) others retained by the people.

**Amendment X** ***Powers Reserved to the States and People***

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

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### 7. Orderly Change

#### a. Elections

#### b. Amendment process allows for orderly change

#### c. Succession outlined in Article II, Section 1, Clause 6 and Amendment 25

#### 1. Vice-President 2. Speaker of the House,

#### 3. President pro tempore of the Senate,

#### 4. Secretary of State, 5. Secretary of the Treasury,

#### 6. Secretary of Defense,

#### 7. Attorney General, 8. Secretary of the Interior, 9. Secretary of Agriculture, 10. Secretary of Commerce, 11. Secretary of Labor, 12. Secretary of Health & Human Services, 13. Secretary of Housing & Urban Development, 14. Secretary of Transportation, 15. Secretary of Energy, 16. Secretary of Education, 17. Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, 18. Secretary of Homeland Security

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### 8. Flexibility

- a. Wording intentionally undefined
- b. *Elastic Clause* -- Congress may make any law which is "necessary and proper"
- c. General welfare clause
- d. Amendment process
- e. Interpretation may be strict (literal) or loose (what is the intent?)

Examples: Alexander Hamilton - National Bank  
Thomas Jefferson - Louisiana Purchase

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### 9. Undemocratic features

- a. At first, only HofR was popularly elected
- b. No Bill of Rights
- c. Vice President was chosen by the electoral college

Still in practice today:

- a. Electoral college determines who becomes president
- b. Judges at federal level are appointed, not elected.



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## Matrix for Understanding the Bill of Rights

1. Turn to page 10 in the classwork packet
2. Examine the photographs that are passed around the class,
3. Discuss each photograph with your buddies and determine the **RIGHT** that is represented and the **AMENDMENT** that protects that right.

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Homework: None

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A.



4th Amendment  
Protection against  
unreasonable search  
and seizure



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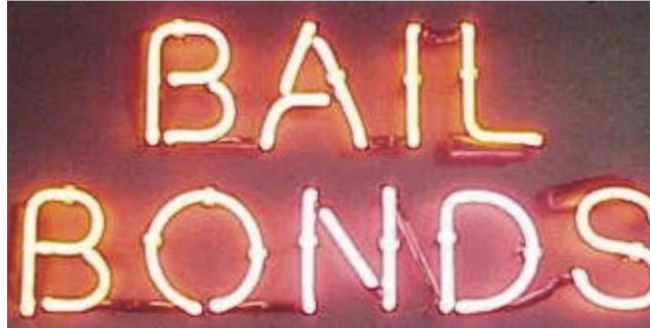
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This is an example of an electric chair where some death row inmates are executed.

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8th Amendment -  
protection against  
excessive bail and cruel  
and unusual punishment

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C.



7th Amendment - Right to jury trial in civil cases

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D.



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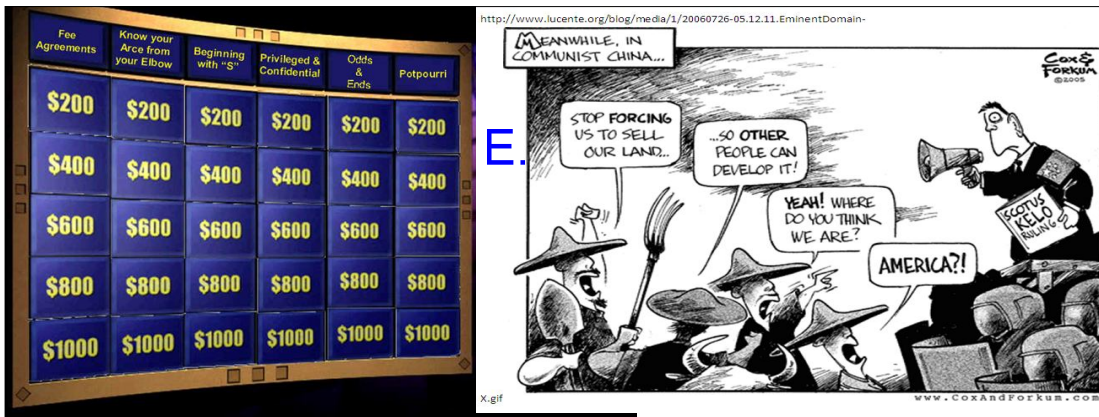
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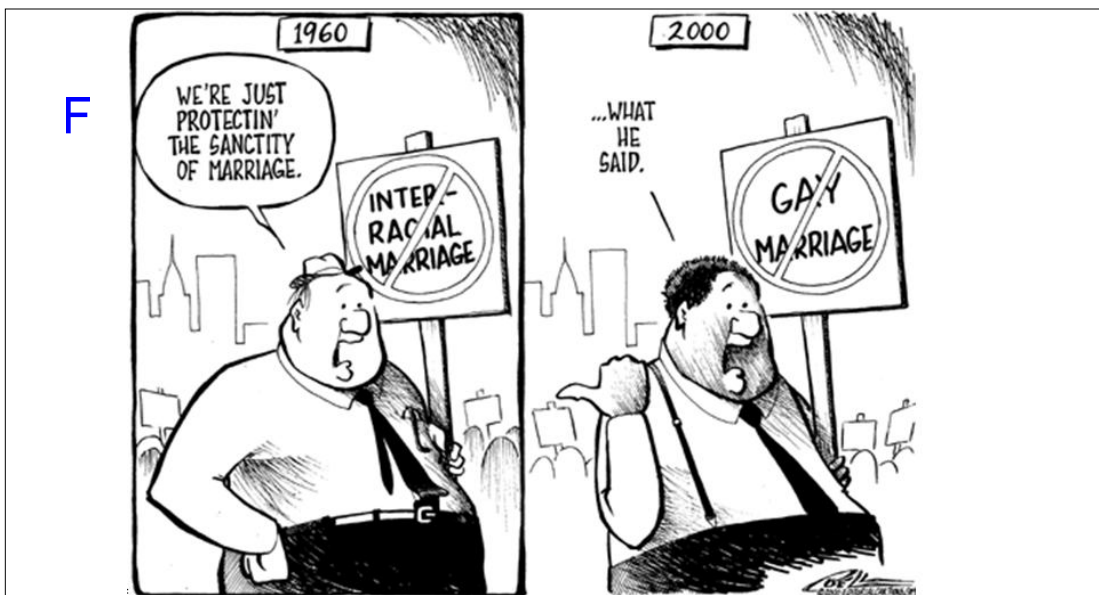
1st Amendment - Freedom of speech

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5th Amendment - Rights of the accused (no double jeopardy), and eminent domain

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9th Amendment - Unenumerated rights  
Rights not mentioned in the Bill of Rights

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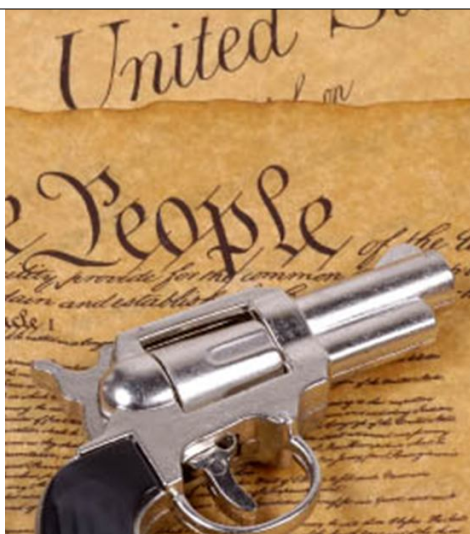
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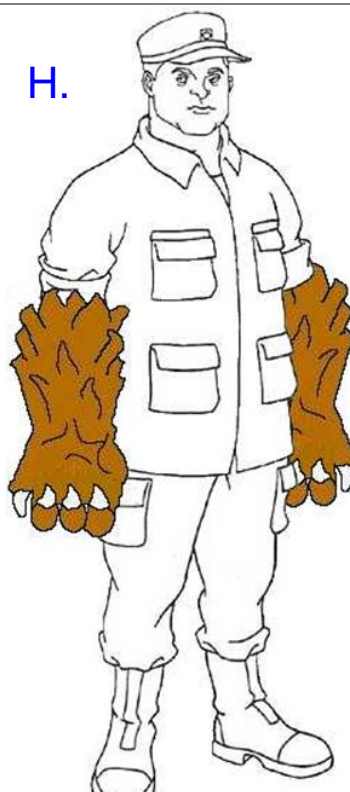
3rd Amendment - Military base  
No quartering troops

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H.



2nd Amendment -  
Right to bear arms



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I.



10th Amendment - Powers reserved to states (education, i.e.)

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J.



6th Amendment - Right to confront witnesses

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<b>A</b>	Here a police officer conducts a search of a suspected criminal.	No unreasonable searches and seizures.	4th	This best fits the 4th Amendment because the arrestee is being searched. This amendment protects against unreasonable search and seizure.
<b>B</b>	This is a photograph of a bail bond sign.	No excessive bail.	8th	This image represents the 8th Amendment. This amendment protects citizens against excessive bail and cruel and unusual punishment.
<b>C</b>	Pictured is a jury in a courtroom listening to a lawyer.	Right to a jury trial in civil cases.	7th	The jury shown in this image represents the rights protected by the 7th Amendment which guarantees the right to a jury trial in civil cases.
<b>D</b>	Here we see a man giving a speech in front of a sign that reads: "Free South Africa."	Freedom of speech.	1st	The man in the picture is exercising his right of freedom of speech. The 1st Amendment protects this freedom, as well as freedom of religion, press, petition, and assembly.
<b>E</b>	Two police officers lead a handcuffed man down the street.	Rights of the accused.	5th	The rights of the accused, such as the man handcuffed in this image, are protected by the 5th Amendment. Among those rights are no double jeopardy, no self-incrimination, and due process.

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<b>F</b>	Passengers enter an airplane.	Unenumerated rights.	9th	This image best represents the 9th Amendment, which guarantees obvious rights—like the right to travel—not specifically mentioned in the Bill of Rights.
<b>G</b>	Here we see an aerial view of a military base.	No quartering troops.	3rd	This image of a military base reflects the protection of citizens against quartering troops. The 3rd Amendment states that no citizen may be forced to house military troops unless approved by law.
<b>H</b>	Here we see an arm of a man holding a gun skyward.	Right to bear arms.	2nd	This image best represents the 2nd Amendment, which prevents the federal government from taking away guns used by members of state militias.
<b>I</b>	This picture shows the state flag of Georgia.	Powers reserved to states.	10th	This image of the state flag of Georgia represents the 10th Amendment. This states that any rights not clearly given to the federal government by the Constitution belong to the states.
<b>J</b>	We see a scene from a courtroom showing a jury, a witness, a judge, and a lawyer.	Right to fair trials.	6th	This courtroom scene demonstrates the right to a fair trial ensured by the 6th Amendment. This amendment includes a speedy, fair trial, lawyer assistance, and the right to confront witnesses.

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Popular Sovereignty	
Limited Government	
Separation of Powers	
Checks and Balances	
Federalism	
Judicial Review	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The people are the source of all power.</li> <li>2. The President is responsible for executing, enforcing, and administering the law.</li> <li>3. Congress must have a 2/3 vote in each house to override a veto.</li> <li>4. This practice was established in Marbury v Madison in 1803.</li> <li>5. "Congress shall make no law . . ."</li> <li>6. Education requirements vary from state to state.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">page 5 homework</p>	

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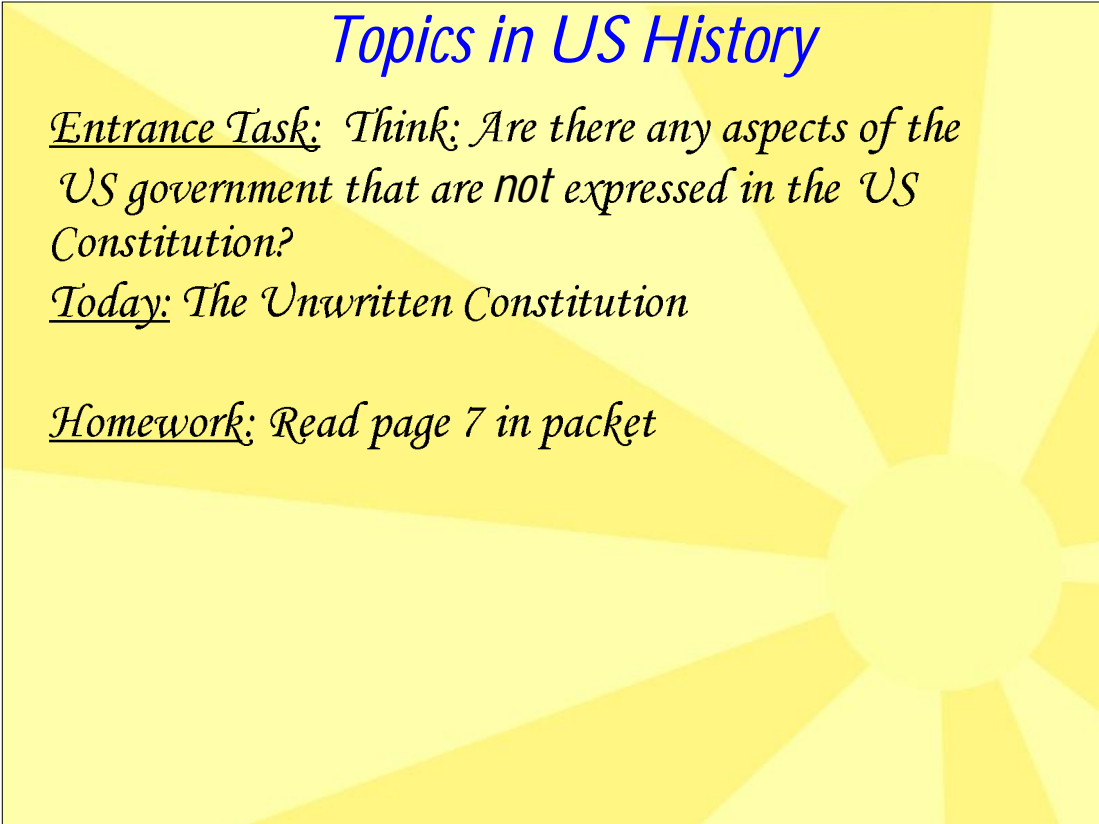
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Only Congress has the power to declare war.</li> <li>8. Presidential appointees are subject to Senate approval.</li> <li>9. "We the People of the United States . . ."</li> <li>10. The rule of law.</li> <li>11. In Pennsylvania, citizens pay both a state and federal income tax.</li> <li>12. Government may exercise only those powers delegated to it.</li> </ol>	

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<p>13. Federal courts may declare illegal any government action violating the Constitution.</p> <p>14. Government can govern only with the consent of the governed.</p> <p>15. All treaties made by the President must be ratified by the Senate.</p> <p>16. The Supreme Court has voided more than 900 state laws as unconstitutional.</p> <p>17. Powers not specifically given to the federal government by the Constitution are retained by the states.</p>	

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## *Topics in US History*

*Entrance Task: Think: Are there any aspects of the US government that are **not** expressed in the US Constitution?*

*Today: The Unwritten Constitution*

*Homework: Read page 7 in packet*

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## The Unwritten Constitution



Refers to the ideas and processes that are accepted as a needed part of American government, regardless of the fact that they are not actually in the Constitution. These ideas and processes came about through the custom and precedent. Many aspects of the unwritten Constitution are so ingrained into our system that many do not even realize that they are not laws or provisions of the Constitution.

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The **Cabinet** The Constitution gave the President power to **appoint** people to assist him. Washington and later Presidents came to rely on these people – known as the Cabinet – for advice. ★

**Political Parties**. The Constitution does not specifically mention political parties, although these now play an important role in our system of government. The 2-major parties today are:

**Democrats & Republicans** ★

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### THE UNWRITTEN CONSTITUTION

**Judicial Review** The Supreme Court has the power to review **federal** and **state** laws to determine if they are permissible under the U.S. Constitution. In other words, they determine whether a law is **constitutional** or **unconstitutional**. ★

#### **Congressional Committees**

These help Congress select the most important bills out of thousands proposed. Committees hold hearings, discuss and evaluate each bill. ★

#### **The Electoral College Promise**

Originally the Electoral College voted on its own. From 1842 onward, electors vote by state according to the majority of the popular vote. This is not in the constitution, but is a promise and historical precedent. ★

#### **Term Limits for President**

Originally this was not in Constitution, but the first US president George Washington set the precedent. The 22<sup>nd</sup> amendment in 1951 set the two-term limit, so it became part of the US Constitution. ★

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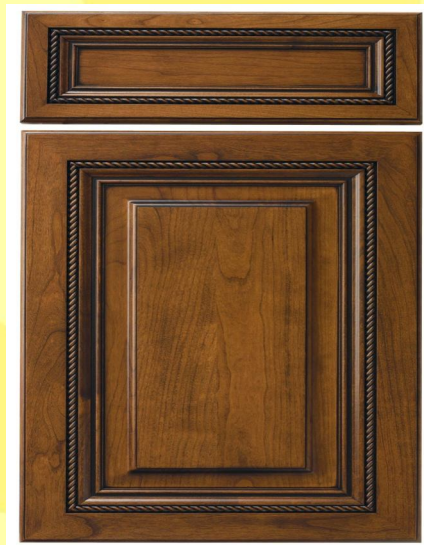
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## The Unwritten Constitution

### The Cabinet:

Department of Agriculture  
Department of Commerce  
Department of Defense  
Department of Education  
Department of Energy  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Department of the Interior  
Department of Justice  
Department of Labor  
Department of State  
Department of Transportation  
Department of the Treasury  
Department of Veterans Affairs



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### Electoral College Promise

*It was equally desirable, that the immediate election should be made by men most capable of analyzing the qualities adapted to the station, and acting under circumstances favorable to deliberation, and to a judicious combination of all the reasons and inducements which were proper to govern their choice. A small number of persons, selected by their fellow-citizens from the general mass, will be most likely to possess the information and discernment requisite to such complicated investigations. It was also peculiarly desirable to afford as little opportunity as possible to tumult and disorder. This evil was not least to be dreaded in the election of a magistrate, who was to have so important an agency in the administration of the government as the President of the United States. But the precautions which have been so happily concerted in the system under consideration, promise an effectual security against this mischief.*

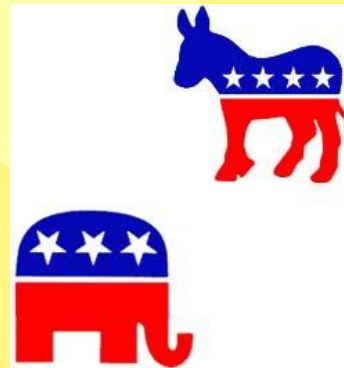
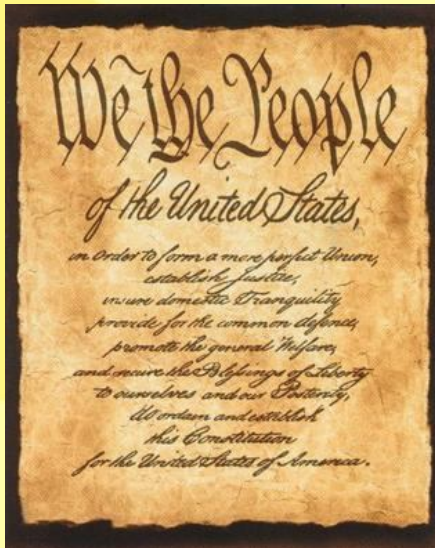


Alexander Hamilton - *The Federalist Papers*

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### Political Parties:

*what role do they play?*



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Congressional Committees			
	House of Representatives	Senate	Joint
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### Term Limits for President

No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more that two years of a term to which some other person was elected 1. President shall be elected to the office of President more that once.

**XXII Amendment - Ratified in 1951**

George Washington - 2 terms

Franklin Delano Roosevelt - 4 terms (died in office)

Good idea or not?



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# Supreme Court Cases

Entrance Task: Pick up a Supreme Court booklet before you sit down and finish up your chart.

Today: Landmark Supreme Court cases and

the Bill of Rights, Review for quest

Homework: Study for quest tomorrow



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Classwork packet - pages 12 & 13

- \* Using the information in the Supreme Court Case packet, complete the matrix on landmark cases relating to the Bill of Rights.



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## Homework: None



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### The Bill of Rights and Supreme Court Decisions



Case	Amendment & Right	Background	Decision	Impact
<b>W. VA State Board of Ed v. Barnette (1943)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Civil Liberties ★	* W Va. school required students to salute & pledge flag * Barnette (Jehovah's Witness) challenges Board of Ed.	* 6-3 students may not be required to salute & pledge flag	* Students' civil liberties protected
<b>Mapp v. Ohio (1961)</b>	★ 4 <sup>th</sup> No unreason - able search & seizure	Police entered Mapp's home looking for a bomber and illegal gambling materials and found illegal porn	Rule in Mapp's favor and said her 4th amendment rights were violated	illegally gained evidence may not be used against a defendant

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Case	Amendment & Right	Background	Decision	Impact
<b>Engle v. Vitale (1962)</b>  prayer	1 <sup>st</sup> Ban on establish - ment of religion 	NYS Board of Regents required students to recite a prepared prayer. Parents challend it as contrary to their beliefs. State court upheld the prayer	Court ruled that the prayer violated the Establishment Clause of the 1st Amendment	Court later banned Bible reading in public school assemblies or classrooms
<b>Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier (1988)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Freedom of Press	Student newspaper was censored by the principal, violating their 1st Amendment rights	Student rights not the same in school as outside Newspaper is the school's and student writers are not protected under the 1st Amendment	Students do not have full access to 1st Amendment rights when on school property






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Case	Amendment & Right	Background	Decision	Impact
<b>N.J. v. T.L.O. (1985)</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> No unreason - able search & seizure 	* Assistant Vice Principal searches student's purse & discovers cigarettes, rolling papers, marijuana, pipe, plastic bags, money, index card of students owing money, & two letters implicating marijuana dealing	* School officials only need "reasonable suspicion" rather than "probable cause" to search students	* 1995 decision extended search rights to allow drug testing of student athletes
<b>Miranda v. Arizona (1966)</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Right to counsel & protection against self-incrimination 	* Defendants not given full & effective warning of rights while in police custody	* Prosecutors could not use statements from custodial interrogation unless defendants warned of rights	* Defendants Mirandized by police



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Case	Amendment & Right	Background	Decision	Impact
<b>Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Rights of the accused 	* Gideon defended himself after being denied a request for free counsel	* Right to counsel is fundamental to a free trial	* Protected the rights of accused criminals
<b>Escobedo v. Illinois (1964)</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Trial by Jury 	* Escobedo arrested for murder & denied access to his lawyer	* Exclusionary rule extended to include illegal confessions	* Rights of accused protected
<b>Furman v. Georgia (1972)</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Protection against cruel & unusual punishment 	* Furman accidentally kills resident of home he was breaking into & was sentenced to death	* In this case, death penalty was cruel & unusual * States must have clear & consistent rules for apply death penalty uniformly	* State & national legislature must rethink their statutes for capital offenses



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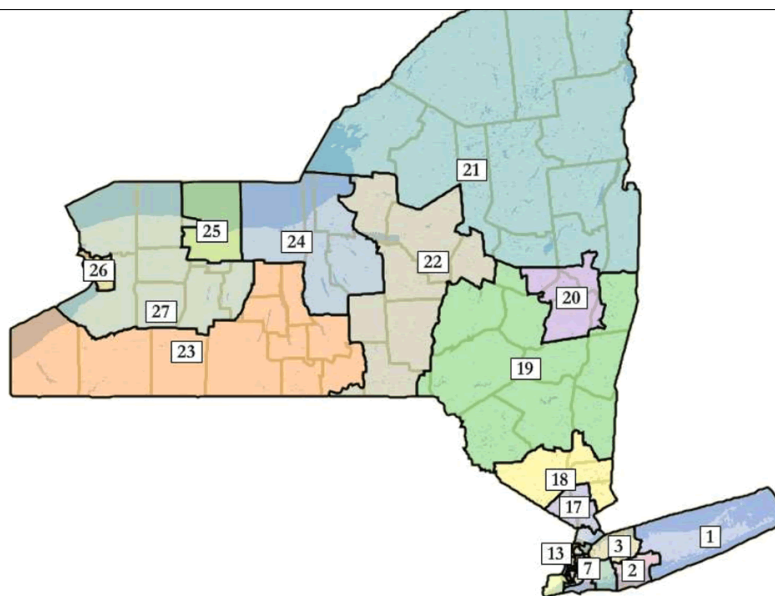
## Positions in National Government:

President: Barack ObamaVice President: Joe BidenUS Senators from New York: Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand
 US Representatives: Richard Hanna (22nd district) and ~~Tom Reed (23rd district)~~

Two most-recently added Supreme Court judges:

Sonia Sotomayer - 2009 and Elena Kagan - 2012

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Governor: Andrew Cuomo  
 Your state senator: Tom Libous  
 Your state assemblyman: Donna Lupardo

**Local government:**

County Executive: Debra Preston  
 Town of Vestal Supervisor: W. John Schaffer  
 Vestal Town Councilmen: Name one: Dave Marnicki  
 How many in total: 4 Francis Majewski  
Steve Milkovich  
Patty Fitzgerald

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Today: Landmark Supreme Court cases and  
the Bill of Rights

Homework: Review for Quest tomorrow



To Principles of  
the Constitution



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"Almighty God, we acknowledge our  
dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy  
blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers  
and our Country."



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